

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-24 remain active in this case, Claims 1, 9, 17, and 24 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Takahashi (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0137529).

In light of the renewed ground for rejection, independent Claims 1, 9, and 17 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention and thereby more clearly patentably define over the cited prior art reference. To that end, Claims 1, 9, and 17 have been amended to clarify the "receiving" step in terms of --receiving plural image acquisition requests per second transmitted from another wireless communication apparatus in accordance with a camera control protocol for exchanging information relating to images--. The present amendment is consistent with the REMARKS/ARGUMENTS filed January 11, 2008, which stated,

In Takahashi, the operation of "receiving a plurality of requests within a predetermined time" is performed in order to shift an operation to a next one if there is no response from any surrounding device within a predetermined time (which is generally used as timeout processing). In contrast, instead of being directed to a timeout mechanism, Applicant's invention is directed to an operation of receiving image acquisition requests from a single device repeatedly with a high frequency (typically several times per second), and thus fundamentally differs from Takahashi in function.¹

In reply to the above arguments, the outstanding Office Action noted that "most of the details in applicant's remarks are not found in the claim, and the claims are written much broader than applicant's remarks indicate" in Response to Arguments in the outstanding Official Action. The present amendment therefore addresses the Examiner's concern that the

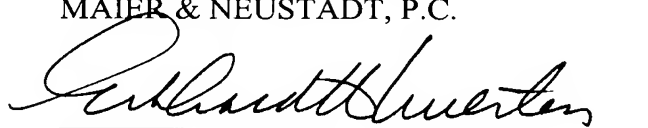
¹ Amendment filed January 11, 2008, paragraph linking pages 11 and 12.

arguments were directed to features not recited in the claims and apparently therefore not given any patentable weight. Applicant's have therefore presently amended Claim 1 to recite, --a reception unit configured to receive plural image acquisition requests per second (i.e., "repeatedly with a high frequency (typically several times per second)") transmitted from another wireless communication apparatus (i.e., "from a single device") in accordance with a camera control protocol for exchanging information relating to images.-- Independent Claims 9 and 17 have been similarly amended. In view of this further clarification proceed in the independent claims, it is believed that the outstanding ground for rejection has been overcome and that Claims 1-24 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is invited to telephone he undersigned, who will be happy to negotiate with the Examiner mutually satisfactory claim language.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above comments, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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